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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BERLIN-ZURICH ROUTE PROPOSAL

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1. EMBOFF EXPLAINED TO DR. GULDIMANN THAT CAB HAS DEFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON QUESTION OF BERLIN-ZURICH ROUTE PROPOSAL (PARA 5, REFTEL). DR. GULDIMANN SAID HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE "INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITH CHAIRMAN TIMM ON THIS SUBJECT DURING APRIL VISIT.

2. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION WITH WALTER FREI OF AIR OFFICE (WHOSE AIR TRANSPORTATION SECTION PREPARED TEXT OF SWISS AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED MARCH 26), EMBOFF ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF SWISS POSITION THAT "IMBALANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPORTUNITIES UNDER AGREEMENT IS CLEARLY IN FAVOUR

OF AMERICAN CARRIERS" WHEN SWISSAIR'S PASSENGER/CARGO REVENUES ON TRAFFIC BETWEEN US AND SWITZERLAND ARE GREATER THAN COMPARABLE TWA AND SEABOARD REVENUES COMBINED. FREI SAID SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARRIERS TO GENERATE TRAFFIC MORE IMPORTANT THAN ACTUAL REVENUES EARNED IN MEASURING BENEFITS UNDER AIR AGREEMENTS. HE REFERRED TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF MAY 13, 1949 (63 STAT. 2437), WHICH IS SECTION III OF ANNEX TALKS ABOUT "FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY." HE THEN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER US-SWISS BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, US CARRIERS HAVE TRAFFIC RIGHTS BEYOND SWITZERLAND WHILE SWISS CARRIER DOES NOT HAVE SIMILAR RIGHTS BEYOND US. THIS, ACCORDING TO FREI, ACTUALLY GIVES US CARRIERS GREATER OPPORTUNITIES. FREI SAID REVENUE IMBALANCE IS FAULT OF US CARRIERS WHO NOT AS AGGRESSIVE AS SWISSAIR AND NOT TERMS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

3. ON BASIS OF DISCUSSION WITH FREI, IT IS EMBASSY'S OPINION THAT SWISS WILL BE UNWILLING TO GRANT BERLIN-ZURICH RIGHTS TO PANAM WITHOUT AT LEAST SYMBOLIC QUID PRO QUO IN RETURN.
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